BRITAIN WILL START WAR ON THE 'SHIPPING TRUST' IN MUNITIONS

Monopoly of Merchant Vessels Has Taken Advantage of the Scarcity of

BIG DRAIN ON THE ALLIES

War Sends Shipping Rates Sailing Upward

cost \$40 to transport one horse to France at the beginning of the war; \$80 is the price now. It cost \$2.90 to ship a ton of coal to Italy; now it is \$25.

As a result: The British Government will up the "shipping trust," which is using a monopoly of merchant vessels to charge exorbitant freight rates for munitions.

The Italian Government is expected to take similar action.

Drastic action will be taken by the British Government to break up a "shipping trust" which has taken advantage of a monopoly of merchant vessels to charge excessive freight rates. This action is expected daily and will be caused by the difficulty of getting ships and the cost of carrying war munitions from America to foreign destinations.

Count Bertler de Sauvigny, agent for the French Government, who is in this city to buy horses for the allied forces, said today he had learned this from official sources.

"The British Government did not com-mandeer all British merchant vessels and mandeer all British merchant vessels and some are now being used to carry munitions, which are owned by individual companies," said the Count de Sauvigny. "About 25 privately-owned ships are now being used as horse transports, all of which are British, with a few exceptions. Most of the ships which were commandeered are used to transport troops and so there is a dearth of them for munitions.

SITUATION IS ACUTE. "The situation has become acute. It is very hard to get transports for horses and it is getting harder every day. This applies also to the shipment of other munitions. Not only this, but I understand the Italian Government is about to take some action with respect to Italian merchant vessels caused by the charging of excessive freight for coal shipments to that country. It is imperative that something be done to facilitate the transportation of war munitions to the allied mations.

"At the beginning of the war it cost \$40 to send one horse to France; now it costs \$30. A man you would call a coal king said the other day that the cost of shipping a ton of coal to Italy had increased from 12 shillings (about \$2.90), which was the cost when the war started, to 190 shillings (about \$25) now..

BIG DEMAND FOR HORSES.

"The contracts for horses have been allotted to five agencies in this country, of which I am in charge of only one. The contracts call for drafts of 19,000 horses from each agency. My duties conhorses from each agency. My duties consist of judging the animals and doing the buying, and so I am not so familiar with the shipping difficulties as those in charge. But I do know they are having a great deal of trouble in getting ships and that the cost has gone up to the fleures I gave. figures I gave.

"There are few American merchant ships on the seas and almost all the munitions must be carried in British ships and those of other nations. There is another reason besides the shipping trust for the dearth of vessels. This is that so many ships are needed for transport service to Salonica. Egypt and other eastern destinations. And as time goes on, these ships which ply between England and continental ports, especially those using the channel routes, have to be greatly augmented. It is getting to be a serious problem.

"Of course, freight rates have been increased since the capture and sinking of merchant vessels by German ships, proving that German raiders are on the seas, but the charges have increased at a

The Count de Sauvigny, who is a lleutenant in the Freuch army, in about a year has bought horses which have cost the French Government \$4,050,000. He said he had bought 15,000 horses and the cost for each horse, including transportation and insurance, was \$270

THEY WAITED TILL T. R. **GOT TO SEA BEFORE** LAUNCHING BOOM

Gardner Admits Purposely Avoiding Risk of the Colonel's Answer

HE MIGHT HAVE SAID NO

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—More light on inside politics, designed to make Colonel Received the Republican Presidential nomines, was given today by Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts. He admitted that he and other Bay State leaders waited until the Colonel was safely at sea, on his trip to the West Indies, before announcing their candidacy as delegates to the Chicago convention pledged to Received.

ce that time Roosevelt has been out of touch with naws and presumably ig-norant of the movement launched by Gardner, Charles Sumner Bird, former deutement Governor Cushing and Sena-

Intertement Governor Cushing and Sena-ter Washburn.

"There was some synchronism about the two circumstances," said Gardner to-day. "I will admit that if Colonel Roose-velt's departure had been postponed our announcement would have been postponed also. It happened that the fruit as ripe, "If Rossswelt had delayed a cour

"If Roosavelt had delayed a cour fruit would have been in cold a lage to await his departure."

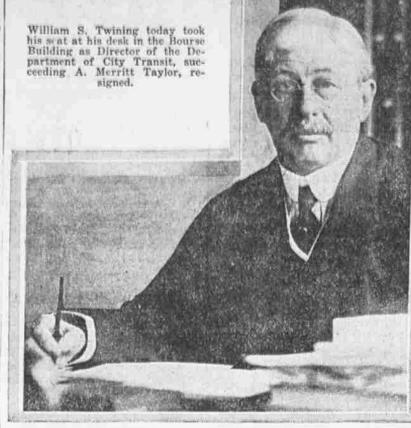
Mr. Gardner would not admit that the object of the Bay State leaders was to prevent itoosevelt from repudiating their action by issuing a statement disclaiming their authority to act for him or nullifying political effect of their action by saying he would not accept their votes if they were manned as delegates.

"We felt," he explained. "that the people were entitled to know just whom they were woing for the candidate we will vote for if elected. We felt many people had the idea that their votes were controlled by a political oligarchy—the machine—and that they wanted to know smalls whom their delayates will suppost. We came out squarely for Colonel We came out squarely for Colonel

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his same as used as a primary candite die President, he cannot stop the
if from continuing as Rossevelt contelos, candidates, said Mr. Gardner.
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the movement in Massachuserts," he
test. Mr. Cushing is the leader at
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NEW TRANSIT HEAD ASSUMES OFFICE



WHO MADE THREATS TO

HARM POLITICAL CHIEFS

Injury When He Was At-

tacked in Hotel, Long

in Suspense

Postal inspectors, working under the

direction of Chief Postal Inspector James T. Cortelyou, today aided Acting Captain of Detectives James Tate to begin track-

ing down several persons, who, for weeks,

guards. It was leaved the hight to the one yesterday, when he was attacked in a reaturant by the Italian, who threatened him with a revolver and was later captured and sent to the Philadelphia lies-

plial for examination as to his sanity. The attack is thought to have been the result of several threatening letters Mr. Monaghan had received.

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aghan were sent by other persons besides

rissives which he had received almost

"I consider myself a happy woman to-

thing about the threatening letters, be-cause he didn't want me to worry. Only recently he told me that he was receiving letters in which threats were being made

against his life. He told me not to worry We felt certain that the letters were being sent by some person who, no doubt, was mentally deranged."

"Every day after my brother left the house to go to his office in the Lincoln Building or to attend to his duties at Har-

risburg I would be in great suspense be

cause I feared that sooner or later the writer of the letters would meet him and probably harm him. I am glad that this

\$8000 Fire at Shippensburg

Move for Free Wheat in Canada

journed early today.

weekly.

TWINING AT TRANSIT **HUNT LETTER WRITERS** HELM; PLANS TO PUSH NEW SUBWAY AND "L"

Will Complete Broad Street and Frankford Lines as Soon as Funds Are Available

FLOWERS FOR DIRECTOR POSTAL INSPECTORS BUSY

William S. Twining formally took charge as Director of the Department of City Transit today and issued this statement, after a conference with his assistant, George T. Atkinson, and chief engineer, Henry H. Quimby:

It is the intention of the Department of City Transit to carry out the completion of the Broad street subway and the Frankford elevated railway as soon as sufficient funds are avail-able, and to prepare plans for such other subway and elevated work as may be authorized by City Councils.

may be authorized by City Councils.

Satisfactory progress is being made upon the City Hall station section of the Broad street subway. Thirty-six per cent, of the work on the column foundations for the Frankford elevated from Callowhill to Unity street has been completed and the steel erection is expected to be commenced about April 1. Contracts have been finally executed with the approval of the Public Service Commission for the foundations and steel superstructure of the Frankford elevated through the business portion of Frankford—Unity ness portion of Frankford-Unity street to Dyre street.

Mr. Twining found his desk covered with flowers, the gifts of the office force. His first official act was to send for his two leading subordinates and discuss the work of the department. He will confer with Mayor Smith later in the week, and will go over the transit plans from bezinning to end with the executive,

The Mayor administered the oath of ofice to Mr. Twining last week

AMBASSADOR MARYE BROKEN BY WAR STRAIN

U. S. Representative to Russia Decides He Must Retire From the Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.-Ambassador George T. Marye, representative of the United States to Russia. has broken down under the war strain. He has decided that he must relire from the diplo-matic service. Confidential advices re-ceived here today say that the Am-bassador either has resigned or will do o in the immediate future.

Ambassador Marye's confidential secretary, Ray Baker, reached the United States yesterday and hurried to Washington today. He declined positively to discuss the report that he had been commissioned by the Ambassador to present his resignation to President Wilson.

Baker conferred with Secretary of State Lansing this afternoon regarding conditions in the prison camps in Russia. At the instance of Ambassador Marye he urged Secretary Lansing to appoint a commission of 25 men to go to Russia to aid in relief work started by the Am-bassador. Secretary Lansing took the matter under advisement.

WEAVERS GET \$2 RAISE IN KENSINGTON MILLS

Continued from Page One the result that all will share in the gen-

22 mills granting this increase are: SAMUEL J. ACHESON, 2d and Huntingdon streets. LAWRENCE COLLINS, Howard street and Lebigh avenue. JAMES LOMAX CARPET MILLS,

Jasper and Orleans streets. EDWARD C. READ & SON, 2720 Hope street LOCKHART, 2d and Huntingdon

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and Lehigh avenue.

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and Hunting Park avenue.

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Adams streets.
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below Barkeles street.
SWING, REFRINING & CAIRNS, 111
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BILL TO AID FARMERS REPORTED FAVORABLY BY SENATE COMMITTEE

Plan Provides for Loans to Agriculturists at Not More Than 5 Per Cent., Extended for 36-year Period

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The Hollis rural credits bill, which promises toans to farmers at not more than 5 per cent., today was reported favorably to the Senate. Because of its nonpartisan support it is due to receive an advantageous position on the calendar.

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The bill proposes to set up a nonpartisan farm loan board, with the Secretary of the Treasury as one member, the others appointed by the President. This board charters local farm loan banks, which will take mortgages from actual farmers and issue bonds with the mortages according gages as securities.

gages as securities.

This plan, the committee that reported the measure claims, will standardize farm loans all over the country, since all mortgages must be approved by the boards: and this security is expected to make the bonds salable at 4 per cent. They run for long terms and are guaranteed by the

Third States.

"This is an investment better than most savings banks offer." the committee report said, "and it should result in heavy investments by small salaried persons, widows with life insurance funds, trust funds, etc."

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The farmer will not be required to pay They are exempt from small taxes.

The farmer will not be required to pay commissions, renewal fees or discounts of any kind. The cost of administering the system will be added to the interest rate of the bonds to determine the interest rate which the farmer shall pay on his mortgage. This cost is estimated at less than one per cent.

If enough local binks are not started the Government itself will aid in establishing 12, with a capital of not less than \$200,000. Each man who is advanced a loan is made automatically a member of the local bank association and is forced to take out an amount of stock equal to 5 per cent, of his loan.

Losus may be made for as long as 25 years and the mortgages may be repaid in small amounts extended over the whole period.

John Monaghan, Who Escaped

"The idea of the bill," said the report, "is not so much to give Government aid to any particular classes as to encourage co-operation among farmers themselves and to furnish a bridge between those many investors who seek safety and a reasonable return and those borrowers who want long-term loans and an as-suredness that their loans will not be called."

ing down several persons, who, for weeks, have been sending threatening letters to prominent Philadeiphians. Public Service Commissioner John Monaghan, who narrowly escaped being shot yesterday by Luigi Di Berardino, an Italian lawyer, was one of the persons who received threatening letters. Mr. Monaghan was accompanied everywhere he went today by four armed guards. It was feared there might be another attack on him similar to the one SUICIDE'S WIFE, DAZED, HALTS IN CALL FOR AID

George Hummel Shoots Himself, Police Say, Because of Illness and Worry

A man who, the police say, had been suffering for some weeks from grip and who had been worrying over his brother, a soldler in Von Hindenburg's army, killed himself by shooting early today in his residence at 2242 North Fairhill street. He was George Hummel, 42 years old, an employe of the Hernig Milk Company, 2013 Mascher street. The letters received by Mr. Monaghan Inspector Cortelyou said today that a Federal charge will be lodged against Di Berardino if it is found that the postal laws were violated. "Mr. Monaghan is not the only office-2013 Mascher street.

The widow, Mrs. Anne Hummel, heard her humband go to the first floor of their home shortly after 2:30 o'clock this mornholder who has received threatening let-ters," said Inspector Corteivou today be-fore his departure for Trenton, where he home shortly after 2:39 o'clock this morning. A moment later there was the report of a platol, and upon investigating she found her husband lying dead on the floor of the kitchen. Mrs. ...ummel aroused her four children and went with them into the second-floor front room of her home, where they remained for several hours trying to decide what should be done. Finally Elizabeth, 16 years old, and Richard, aged 14, ran from the house to summon the family physician, Dr. Alva Tod, 47 Diamond street.

The children were unable to find Doctor Tod, and returned home. Another conference was held, and finally David H. Schuyler & Sons, undertakers, with offices at Broad and Diamond streets, were vent to prosecute yeggmen who were ar-osted several weeks ago while attempting to rob the postoffice at Pennsgrove.

"Only a week ago a complaint was lodged in our office by a prominent Philadelphian who is an officeholder," he said, "I can't mention his name just now. There is possibility that the different threatening letters received by Mr. Monsylan were sent by other persons besides. nghan were sent by con-Di Berardino."

Miss Julia Monaghan, sister of the Puh ile Service Commissioner, today at her home, 2467 Ridze avenue, told how her brother had been under a nervous strain for months as a result of the threatening

fices at Broad and Diamond streets, were notified of the death. Thinking there was nothing unusual in the case, the under-takers did not appear until after 8 o'clock. Upon realizing the situation they immeately notified Deputy Coroner Green-

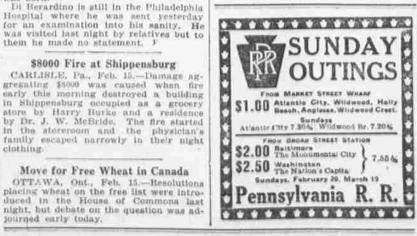
day because my husband is alive," said Miss Monaghan. "At first my brother didn't tell me anyhalph.
The police say Hummel had shot himself with a revolver which he purchased yesterday. He was a member of Philates Lodge, No. 527, Free and Accepted Masons, and also a member of the Elks.

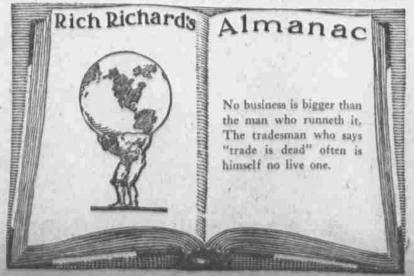
LOSES LIFE IN COLLISION

Motorman Dead, Passengers Hurt in

Trolley Accident WEST CHESTER, Pa., Feb. 15.—
Motorman Myers H. Moore, 30 years old,
was fatally injured and died later in a
hospital. Motorman S. Dunn, was badly
hurt and several passengers suffered injuries this morning in a collision between
two trolley cars at Oremead, on the line
between this place and Downingtown. probably harm him. I am glad that this man put in his appearance yesterday because the suspense now is over. I can't understand why this man Di Berardino should want to harm my brother."

Public Service Commissioner Monaghan today was receiving many congratulations by telephone and telegraph from friends over his escape. Some of the congratulations came from several parts of Pennsylvania, from his associates on the Public Service Commission, and also from friends in Schuylkill County, where he was born. Both motormen were caught between the colliding cars. The car of which Moore was in charge was approaching a siding on which the other car was waiting when the brakes failed and it crashed into the other one, the ends of both being





BREWERS LOSE PLEA TO WITHHOLD RECORDS IN SLUSH FUND PROBE

U. S. Court at Pittsburgh Denies Motion to Quash Subpoenas for Election Contributions Witnesses

MEASURE NONPARTISAN GRAND JURY TAKES CASE

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 15 .- Judge W. H. S. Thomson in the United States District lourt this afternoon handed down an opinion denying the petition of three brewery associations to quash the subpoenns in the Federal Grand Jury probe of brewery contributions to political cam-

The opinion is concurred in by Judge

C. P. Ore.

As a result, 40 minutes later the subpoenaed officials of United States and
Pennsylvania Brewers' Associations and
the Brewers' Association of Western
Pennsylvania were called before the
Grand Jury by United States Attorney E.
Lowrey Humes.

Mr. Humes, when the Grand Jury, adjourned last week, following arguments to quash the subpoenas, reassembled in the Federal Building at 1:30 o'clock today, said be had not determined in what order the witnesses would be called.

FIRST SEMIMONTHLY "GHOST WALKS" FOR CITY EMPLOYES

All, From Mayor Down, Benefit Under

For the first time in the history of the city, municipal employes, from Mayor Smith down the line to the humblest clerk, today received a half month's salary. Always, "pay day" has been at the end of the month, but the semimentally payment act, effective now, has changed the rule. The act, approved by Governor Brumbaugh April 28, 1815, directs that all employes of cities of the first class shall be paid semimentally after January 1, 1916. The act was not complied with last month because the books of the city did not open for the year until January 26. The law affecting the payment of salaries of county officials twice a month became effective in July, 1815.

White House Washerwoman Elopes WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Romance has gain blossomed forth at the White louse. This time Lavinia Gibson, col-House. This time Lavinia Gibson, col-ored, one of the laundresses at the man-sion, played the principal role. On Sat-urday she left her tub and cloped. Hav-ing imbibed the atmosphere of prepared-ness, she married a soldier, John Mullen, a negro infantryman. Today Lavinia is back at her tub, happy.

Van Dusen Funeral This Afternoon Funeral services for George R. Van Dusen, the prominent lawyer who died Saturday at his home, 210 West Ever-green avenue, Chestnut Hill, will be held this afternoon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chestnut Hill.

TAX OF FIVE PER CENT. ON MUNITIONS LIKELY TO AID DEFENSE PLANS

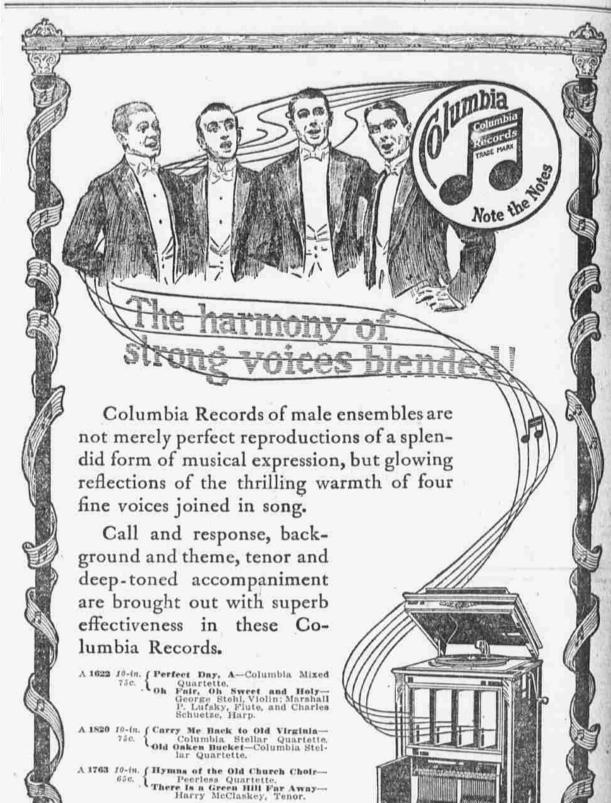
Compromise to Compel Arms Manufacturers to Bear Part of Burden Expected by Congress Leaders

WILL HOLD CONFERENCES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.-A compromise whereby a 5 per cent, instead of a 10 per cent, tax will be imposed on the manufacture of munitions, thus settling one of the grave problems of raising money for national defense, is expected to be reached through conferences between Secretary of the Trensury MuAdoo and Representative Flood, of Virginia, and other coagressional leaders who favor a munitions

gressional leaders who favor a munition tax.

Flood, leader of the faction which believes that if huge sums are to be spent in preparation for war the men who "make money out of it" should bear part of the burden, said today that the A6 ministration was willing to accept a minitions tax. Sceretary McAdoo, who is the Fresident's adviser in revenue matters, believes that the tax should be a percent, and this figure probably will prevail. McAdoo and Flood have discussed this question at length.



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